covering the State of Jharkhand have taken precautionary measures in the past to cancel/ divert/reschedule trains that are suspected to be vulnerable from attacks by Left Wing Extremists.

Forceful occupation of seats in trains by political workers

†*325. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers of various political parties freely travel in the trains without tickets to take part in the rallies being organized by the concerned parties;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these workers forcibly occupy the seats and berths of the passengers traveling on valid tickets and the railway administration does not provide any help to the passengers; and

(c) if so, the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) to (c) Some cases of workers of political parties traveling without tickets in trains in large numbers to participate in rallies organized by their respective political parties do come to notice However, all out efforts are made by the ticket checking and security staff to curb entry of such unauthorized passengers in coaches. Regular *bona fide* passengers are provided necessary help in such situations including refund of full fares in cases when they do not want to travel. As a preventive measure, special trains are run to avoid such rally participants overcrowding the regular trains.

Steel plants in Jharkhand

*330. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of MoUs signed for setting up of steel plants in the State of Jharkhand during the last two years and how many projects have commenced, so far, project-wise;

(b) whether the present or proposed New National Mineral Policy is not conducive to setting up of steel plants in the States, as mining lease/iron ore blocks are not allotted on time to the manufacturers; and

(c) what steps Government proposes to take to ensure that steel production does not suffer on account of non-availability of iron ore/iron ore blocks?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The details of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by various steel producers with Government of Jharkhand during the last two years and the status of each project is enclosed as Statement *(See* below).

(b) National Mineral Policy 2007 is under consideration of the Government. The allocation of iron ore is governed under Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act) read with rule 35 of the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 providing for end use of minerals. Under this act, the concerned State Government examines and recommends the applications for mining lease under Section 11(3) of the MMDR Act, 1957. Rule 63 A of MC Rules 1960 also provides for a time-frame to dispose of the complete applications for mining lease. In case of delay, the same has to be explained in writing.

(c) An Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) has been constituted to co-ordinate and monitor issues concerning major steel investments in the country which also includes the problems relating to availability of Iron Ore.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

Statement

MoU signed for steel plant last two years in the State of Jharkhand

(As informed by Govt. of Jharkhand)

29-11-2007

Sl. No.	Name of the company	Capacity annuounced (item-wise)	Proposed capacity	Location of the unit	Project cost (Rs in crores)	Date of signing of MoU	Status of land allocation/Present status
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Electrosteel Castings'Ltd., Kolkata	(a) Steel Plant (b) Power Plant	3 MT/yr 180 MW	Chandakyan, Bokaro	8157 00	09 01 2007	Application for acquisition of 827 25 acres of raiyati land & 639.99 acres GM land has been forwarded to DC, Bokaro. 80% money is to be deposited against demand note of Rs 17.83 crores for 827.25 acre raiyati land.
2.	Essar Steel Jharkhand Ltd., 27th KM Surat Hazira Road, Post- Hazira, ' Pin-394270	(a) Pellet Plant (b) Sponge Iron (c) Steel (d) Power Plant	g MT/A 7.5 MT/A 10 MT/A 100MW	W. Singhbhum	9900 00	06 07 07	Application for 2120.65 acres of raiyati land has been forwarded to DC, West Singhbhum, Chaibasa
3.	M/s Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd., New Delhi	(a) Sponge iron (b) Steel (c) Power Plant	1.5 MT/A 3.0 MT/A 900 MW	Potka, East Singhbhum	1050000	07 09 06	Applicaiton for 2404.02 acres of raiyati land, 483.52 acres GM land has been forwarded to DC, East Singhbhum. 80% money is to be deposited against demand note of Rs. 1.01 crore for 430 acre GM land.
4	M/S Essel Mining Industries Ltd., Kolkata	Integrated Steel CPP	1 MT/yr 60MW	Jagnathpur, W.Singhhum	1900.00	05-05-06	Application for acquisition for 290.45 acres raiyati land, 184 56 acre Govt land has been forwarded to DC, West Singhbhum.
5.	M/s Sesa Goa Limited, Panji, Goa M/s Mukund Steel,Mumbai	(a) Integrated Steel (a) Integrated Steel	0.5 MT/yr	Katia, Saraiakela-Kharswan Barlanga, Hazaribag	1242.00	07-09-2006 07-	300 acres of land has been identified at Katia, Distt Saraikela-Kharswan. Application of land acquisition is being prepared by unit. 1800 acres of land has been identified at Barlanga village in Gola Block, Hazaribag. Application of acquisition of 145
6			2 0 MT/yr		4335	09-2006	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
							acres of raiyati land and 26.70 acres of GM land has been submitted to JIIDCO.
7.	M/s Feegrade & Company Pvt. Ltd , Barbil, Orissa	(a) Integrated Steel	0.3 MT/yr	Guraa & Rangamati, West Singhbhum	688.80	11-9-2006	250 acres of land has been identified at Guraa and Rangamati, West Singbhum.
8.	M/s Bonai Industrial Company Limited, Barbil, Orissa	(a) Integrated Steel	0.25 MT/yr	Kundubera & Singh Pokharia, West Singhbhun	819.00 i	11-09-2006	300 acres of land has been identified at Kundubera & Singh Pokharia, West Singhbhum. Application of acquisition of land has been submitted to JIIDCO which is under process.
9.	M/s Vini Iron & Udyog	(a) Integrated Steel Steel Limited, Kolkata	0.6 MT/yr Lupungdih, Chandil, Saraikela	Sarkhaswan	880.64	14-09-2006	200 acres land has been identified at Lupungdih, Chandil Saraikela-Kharswan. Unit has purchased 100 acres of land. NOC has been issued by JSPCB, Ranchi
10.	M/s Narsingh Ispact Limited, Howrah	(a) Mini Steel	0.25	Khunti, Chandil, Saraikela Khars wan	610.00	14-09-2006	150 acres land has been identified at Khunti, Chandil, Saraikela-Kharswan. Application for acquisition of 129.71 acres land has been submitted to JIIDCO, which is under process.
11.	M/s Rungta Mines Ltd., Rungta House Chaibasa	Integrated	4.5 MT/A	Chaibasa	11320.00	11.09.06	Application of acquisition of 124.08 acre of raiyati and 121.28 acres GM land has been sumitted to JIIDCO. which is being processed.
12.	M/s Core Steel & Power Ltd.,	Integrated Steel Plant	1.1 MT/A	Musabani, Ghatsila	3300	29.12.06	Acquisition of 661.04 acres of GM land has been forwarded to DC, East Singhbhum.
13.	M/s Ispat Industries Ltd.	Integrated Steel Plant	2.8 MT/yr.	Nandpur Manoharpur	6750	12-01-07	Application for acquisition of land is yet to be filed.
14.	M/s Ma Chandi Durga Ispat Ltd. Kolkata	Integrated Steel ,Plant	1.1 MT/ yr	Jamtara	1500	09-02-07	Application for acquisition of land is yet to be filed.
15.	M/s Jagdamba Funiscal Services	Integrated Steel Plant Ltd., Kolkata	1.1 MT/yr	Dumka	1500	09-02-07	Application for acquisition of land is yet to be filed.

16	M/s Brahmi Impex Ltd., Kolkata	Integrated Steel Plant	1.1 MT/yr	Jamtara	1500	09-02-07	Application for acquisition of land is yet to be filed
17.	M/s Adhunik Corporation Ltd., Kolkata	Integrated Steel Plant	1.1 MT/ yr	Dumka	1500	09-02-07	Application for acquisition of land is yet to be filed.
18.	M/s Traingle Trading Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi	Steel Plant	0.24 MT/Yr	Saraikela-Kharswan	300	14-02-07	Application for acquisition of land is yet to be filed.
19.	M/s Premier Ferro Alloys & Securities Ltd., Kolkata	Integrated Steel Plant	1.00 MT/yr	Barlanga, Hazaribagh	1830	23.02.07	Application for acquisition of land is yet to be filed.
20	M/s Pushp Steel & Mining (P) Ltd., Delhi	Mini Steel Plant	0.25 MT/yr	Goridih and Rugri	361	24.02.07	Application for acquisition of land is yet to be filed.
21.	M/s Sarthak Industries Ltd., Mumbai	Steel Plant	2.2 MT/yr	Raj Kharswan	6300	26.02.07	Application for acquisition of land is yet to be filed.
22.	M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. (Patratu Project)	Steel Plant	6.0 MT/Yr	Patratu	18560	08.11.2007	Work is Under progress at Patratu.